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SUBJECT: MESSAGES FROM COMMERCE SECRETARY KREPS TO THE
PAST AND THE PRESENT MINISTERS OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

1. SECTIONS TWO AND THREE OF THIS TELEGRAM CONTAIN MESSAGES
FROM SECRETARY KREPS TO FORMER MCI MINISTER YIE JOON
CHANG AND HIS SUCCESSOR, MINISTER GAK-KYU CHOI. EMBASSY IS
REQUESTED TO DELIVER THE TEXTS OF THESE MESSAGES TO THE
RESPECTIVE RECIPIENTS AT THE LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION YOU
DEEM APPROPRIATE.

2. TO MINISTER OF ENERGY AND RESOURCES YIE JOON CHANG:

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

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CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR APPOINTMENT AS MINISTER OF ENERGY
AND RESOURCES. AS THE LEADER OF A NEW MINISTRY IN THIS
CRITICAL FIELD YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE KOREAN ECONOMY WILL
PROVE MOST VALUABLE.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO
THE CONSTRUCTIVE AND BENEFICIAL RELATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN

CREATED, IN LARGE PART BY YOUR EFFORTS, BETWEEN THE KOREAN
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT

OF COMMERCE. I AM VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR KIND INVITATION
TO HOST THE EIGHTH KOREA-UNITED STATES COMMERCE MINISTERS
MEETING AND THE OPPORTUNITY IT AFFORDED ME TO MEET WITH
YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES IN SEOUL LAST AUTUMN. THE DYNA-
MISM OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE AND THE ECONOMIC ACHIEVEMENTS
OF YOUR NATION WHICH I OBSERVED ON MY VISIT HAVE LEFT ME
WITH A MOST FAVORABLE AND LASTING IMPRESSION.

I WISH YOU WELL IN MEETING THE CHALLENGES OF YOUR NEW
POSITION.

SINCERELY,

JUANITA M. KREPS
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

3. TO MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY GAK-KYU CHOI:

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ON YOUR APPOINTMENT AS MINISTER OF
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY. I HAVE HAD THE GREAT SATISFACTION
OF WORKING WITH YOUR PREDECESSOR, MINISTER CHANG, AND OF
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WITNESSING THE DRAMATIC GROWTH OF THE KOREAN ECONOMY.

I VISITED KOREA ON THE OCCASION OF THE EIGHTH KOREA-UNITED
STATES COMMERCE MINISTERS MEETING IN LATE SEPTEMBER OF
1977. THE MEETING WAS VERY PRODUCTIVE, AND I HOPE TO CON-
TINUE THIS EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH YOU IN THE FUTURE.

I LOOK FORWARD TO EXPANDING THE ALREADY CLOSE ECONOMIC
TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

SINCERELY,

JUANITA M. KREPS

SECRETARY OF COMMERCE VANCE

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